**NRCS Official makes a Final Technical Decision.** Notification is sent to the participant informing them of their appeal rights. The participant may start the process by requesting any of the following actions within 30 calendar days:

- a field visit and reconsideration;
- an appeal to the NRCS State Conservationist, including a field visit;
- mediation; or
- appeal rights to NAD.

## Appeal to the State Conservationist is requested.

NRCS and District representative (if they wish to participate), conduct field visit within 30 calendar days. The administrative record is assembled with all information relative to the technical determination. A final decision is issued within 30 calendar days of the request.

Appeal rights to NAD or mediation are given.

Mediation is chosen. NRCS and District Representative (if they wish to participate) prepares for mediation. A field visit, if one has not been conducted should be done to ensure that all possible solutions have been explored. The administrative record is assembled.

The parties have 30 calendar days after mediation to reach an agreement. If no agreement is forthcoming appeal rights to the State Conservationist or NAD are provided.

Participant makes formal appeal to NAD.